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Sen. Toy to serve as vice chair of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

LANSING – State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, will serve as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor during the 2005-2006 legislative session.

“Coming from a large manufacturing community that has suffered a lot of job losses, I feel I can bring a lot to the Commerce and Labor Committee,” Toy said. “I’m going to miss Tech and Energy, but this is a great opportunity for me to share my perspective on issues so vital to our state.”

The change was designed to get Toy's input on plans for job creation and economic development, a major focus of the new session. As a small-business owner for 26 years who serves in an area with a large manufacturing base, Toy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new committee assignment.

“I always consider where members can best serve the state and the caucus in dealing with the issues facing Michigan,” said Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming. “Given Sen. Toy’s personal interest and professional background in business matters, she is an excellent choice for the Commerce Committee.”

Toy is leaving her post as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy to take on this new responsibility.

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